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ALL ROADS LEAD TO ST. JOSEPH CHAMP CLARK DAY, OCT. 1

When Hosts of Democracy Will Gather and Prepare for Campaign of 1916

Arrangements Completed for Meeting Which Has Now State Proportions

"We will be there with our band—look out for a big delegation." That is the tenor and substance of letter after letter which reach the Champ Clark Day committee every day—and they come from not only all over Missouri, but from the neighboring states of Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska, for the loyal Democrats of those states want to hear Missouri's great son, Champ Clark, and they are coming Friday, Oct. 1.

And they will be made welcome—as will every Missourian who attends. They will be made to feel that it is good to visit the City Worth While, and enjoy its hospitality. They will

of the occasion. It is not necessary to dilate on his standing in that line, for his name is a household word over all of this broad Union. He will sound the keynote of the 1916 campaign.

And then Missouri's great senator, William J. Stone, who is now taking an active personal interest in the meeting, will be present and make an address.

Senator James A. Reed, whose fame as an orator is nation-wide, will be here to tell of the triumphs and the needs of Democracy. No one need further digress on his capability and power as an orator and entertainer.



SPEAKER CHAMP CLARK OF MISSOURI

be made to feel that it is the time, the place and the occasion to meet and clasp hands and rub shoulders with the militant, aggressive democracy of the West.

Thousands Are Coming

It would be an impossible task to state the number, the residence and the location of all of those who have advised the committee that they will be here. The fact is that the promised attendance is far greater than the most sanguine had anticipated. They are coming not only as delegates, but in organized county style, as for instance, Nodaway county, which has organized by precinct meetings, and will alone send down fifteen hundred people with half a dozen bands. Andrew county will send a like number with several bands, and Atchison county has engaged special trains to bring down their shouting hundreds.

Old Platte county will send up its militant hosts and Davies, Worth, Clay, Caldwell, Clinton, Clay, Ray, Holt, Harrison, DeKale, Grundy, Mercer, Livingston and other counties in the Northwest will all send organized delegations of great numbers. From all over the state will come the units of the rank and file, Jefferson City sending its state officers, while Springfield, Moberly, Hannibal, Sedalia and Kansas City will have large representations. The event is now a state meet instead of a Northwest Missouri gathering and as a consequence every representative Democrat of Missouri will be here.

And every prospective candidate for state office has written and stated that he will be here, and for that matter it is expected that a number of new booms will be launched during the progress of the great meeting.

Great Galaxy of Speakers

Not in the past generation has there been a greater array of noted speakers gathered at a political meeting than will be that which will help to welcome the multitude, headed by the great speaker of the national house, Champ Clark, who will be the orator

TIES OF WOMAN MAYOR

An Illinois Town Which Proposes to Do Away With "Step-Mother Rule"

Warren, Ill., Sept. 23.—The Warren Board of Trustees let the public know today that it is displeased because Mrs. A. R. Canfield, Warren's woman mayor, keeps "slamming" the village in a public protest, the board formally protested what it termed unfavorable publicity given the village through the press by the "stepmother rule" of Mayor Canfield.

"We need no more of it," said the board's protest, "and in 1917 we shall elect some honest, sound minded man who will administer the affairs of the village in a businesslike way."

TRUTHFUL BALLAD OF THE MCPHERSON

[The government snagboat The James B. McPherson, commanded by Capt. Fred T. Farris of this city, will dock at the foot of Olive street this morning. She is making the final snagging trip of the season.]

If you see a smudge of smoke sneak in 'round the head
Where the sand bars starts and the high bluffs end,
Stickin' to the channel where the current drags—
It's the James B. McPherson, and she's pullin' snags.

She's a big, black stark and a big white wheel
And a long, steel hull with a pancake keel,
And a dark-hill nose that the sawyers claim
Like Florida alligators covered with slime.

The Mac is manned by a hunkys crew
To pull the teeth of the old Minne,
And there's never a snag that she finds too bad.
With Captain Farris on the starboard guard.

In the bend ahead he spots a break,
And he goes for it like a boy for cake.
While Tommy Craig in the pilot house,
He turns and says to Clerk George Rows.

You watch me smash that blasted tree trunk
And make it look like a pile of junk!
There'll be one snag less on this free
tree zone.

If the Mac don't beach on a submerged tree—

So he takes a whack at the engine bell.
And then Frank Titus give her well,
Such a bunch of steam that it makes her whirl
At the breakneck speed of five miles per.

She hits the snag with a mighty bang
And it horns her up and lets her hang.
And Mate Joe Huston gives a shout:
Hey! Grab her with the hoist, and yank her out!

And Rows looks at Tommy and remarks, "Oh, damn."

Do you think the McPherson's a steel-shod ram?

Now here you've put us in an awful plight.

And we'll never get to Belieview for Saturday night."

But Captain Farris murmurs: "If Belieview fails—

There are squirrels in the woods here—I can see their tails—

And what is there at Belieview that a man can please?

When he can hunt for squirrels and shoot 'em from the trees!"

But the deck crew hustles with the leaders and the drags
And they get their hooks on that god-darned snag.

Says the Captain, "Hustle her, Tommy, and come up slow."

And in about a minute the snag lets go.

They saw her off on the butting beam
And drop her roots to the bottom of the stream.

And Tommy whistles a roundelay,

And the old McPherson steams merrily away.

And so it goes all the season through
While she pulls the teeth of the old Minne.

And it's thanks to the Mac if the channel's clear.

From Kansas City way up to Pierre.

JOSEPH MILLS HANSON.

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GUARANTORS HAD TO DIG

Billy Sunday Looks After the Financial Part Before He Does After the Souls

There must be no foolhardiness about the financial end of a Billy Sunday soul saving campaign—that is sure. The money must be in sight first, and then there will be some soul saving. If the people who attend will not give up the money needed, then the guarantees must—for it must come. In Omaha, where Billy is now invoking the saving clause, the people have not responded as liberally nor easily as he has expected, and as a consequence the guarantees were obliged to bring in the cash, and although they were a little slow, yet it was learned yesterday that after prodigious assaults on their pocketbooks, Billy had about raised the needed expense fund and would now go into the soul saving business with a vim in order that his "free will offering" on the last day may be the larger. Of his money-raising stint, the Omaha World Herald says:

The guarantees of the Billy Sunday expense fund have been called upon to pay 50 per cent of their guarantees. A committee consisting of Isaac Carpenter, F. D. Wead and C. M. Williams started out yesterday to the larger guarantors and asked for their checks for one-half the amount they agreed to pay. Should the daily collections prove inadequate to pay the expenses of the meeting.

In one single instance had the daily collections failed to take care of the expenses, the collectors were asked for a maior of four.

Mr. Carpenter, F. D. Wead and C. M. Williams, it is said, had not made a pledge, but as he was one of the city where the judges were taken.

To date the total daily collections have amounted to \$60,000 per visit of the bills contracted by the committee. In round numbers, the expenses are \$27,000, including Tuesday night's collections, but \$1,698.85 has found its way into the collection plate.

We are asking but one-half of the annual pledged by the guarantors, says Mr. Carpenter. Many of those approached today have paid their pledges, and the amount will soon be significant by comparison.

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